

The Australian Women's Register

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Fewings, Eliza Ann

(1857 - 1940)

Born 28 December, 1857, Bristol Gloucestershire United Kingdom

Died 11 October, 1940, Bristol Gloucestershire United Kingdom

Occupation Headmistress, Teacher

Summary

Eliza Fewings was appointed Headmistress of the Brisbane Girls' Grammar School in 1896. Her dismissal from the position in 1899 after accusations of incompetence by the second mistress, Maud Sellers, led to a great deal of public protest. Fewings opened her own school, the Brisbane State High School for Girls (Somerville House), in October 1899. By 1903 it was the largest girls' school in Queensland.

Published resources

Edited Book

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